GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a farmers participatory research programme was launched by the Government as part of Water Year, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent of success achieved;

(c) whether the programme is likely to continue in the coming year;

(d) if so, the number of villages to be covered;

(e) the details of the priorities in the Eleventh Plan for the development of water resources; and

(f) the present status thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b)to(d) Ministry of Water Resources has sanctioned implementation of 5,000 programmes in 2 to 3 crop seasons through 63 identified institutes at the cost of Rs.24.4685 crore with the objective of demonstrating the technologies available to the farmers for increasing productivity and profitability of agriculture through generating synergy among water, crops and their varieties, agronomic practices, soil nutrients and implements in 26 States/UTs.

(e)&(f) The Eleventh Plan document has identified the Acceleration Irrigation Benefits Programme; Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies; Command Area Development and Water Management and Flood management as important core programme for which appropriate outlays have been made.